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the *Ethelbryhta* was in this port, also was from Tampico via Vera Cruz, and I am certain that the infection of the *Mathilde* was not contracted here, as the time of the beginning of the sickness was six days after arrival, while the vessel was anchored about 3 miles offshore (no member of the crew having been ashore).

Respectfully,

S. W. HODGSON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

NICARAGUA.

Report from Bluefields—Fruit port.

BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA, *September 19, 1901.*

SIR: I have to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended September 18, 1901:

Population, according to census of 1894, 3,000; present officially estimated population, 4,000. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, 2. Prevailing diseases, mild type of malarial fever and dysentery. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week has been good. The 2 deaths herein above noted occurred in this port, viz, a colored male aged 8 years, from malarial fever, and a Chinaman, aged 48 years, from abscess of liver. Twenty-one inclosures—ship and passenger certificates.

Bill of health was issued to the following vessel: September 13, steamship *Hiram*; crew, 15; passengers from this port, 20; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, 39.

Respectfully,

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The SURGEON-GENERAL,
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NOVA SCOTIA.

Smallpox at Halifax on the schooners Thalia and Goodwin.

[Telegram.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., *September 24, 1901.*

The following telegram was received yesterday from United States consul-general at Halifax: "Schooner *Thalia*, 7 more cases smallpox, 1 died. Schooner *Goodwin* arrived, 2 cases. Schooner in quarantine; crew landed."

DAVID J. HILL,
Acting Secretary.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.